Highlights

Refinery Activity (Million Barrels per Day)

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	Four Weeks Ending		
	10/22/99	10/15/99	10/22/98
Crude Oil Input to Refineries	. 14.8	15.0	14.2
Refinery Capacity Utilization (Percent).	. 91.3	92.5	91.0
Motor Gasoline Production	. 8.3	8.5	8.0
Distillate Fuel Oil Production	. 3.6	3.6	3.3
See Table 2.			

Refinery operable capacity utilization for the 4 weeks ending October 22, 1999, was slightly above last year's rate. This week's operable capacity utilization rate was 88.9 percent. The 4 week average for motor gasoline production was 4 percent above last year's level, and distillate fuel oil production was 9 percent above.

Stocks (Million Barrels)

	Week Ending		
	10/22/99	10/15/99	10/22/98
Crude Oil (Excluding SPR)	. 301.0	300.7	323.6
Motor Gasoline	. 199.8	202.7	203.9
Distillate Fuel Oil	. 139.8	143.3	149.0
All Other Oils	. 387.6	389.6	410.1
Crude Oil in SPR*	. 575.5	575.5	563.8
Total**	1,603.7	1,611.8	1,650.4
See Table 3.			

Crude oil stocks were 0.3 MMB higher than last week's level. Motor gasoline stocks were 2.9 MMB lower than last week's level. The current 199.8 MMB includes reformulated gasoline stocks of 38.2 MMB, but excludes oxygenate stocks of MTBE and fuel ethanol. At the end of September, they were about 8.2 MMB and 4.9 MMB, respectively. Distillate stocks were 3.5 MMB lower than last week's level. They are 9.2 MMB below last year's level, and are in the average range.

Net Imports (Million Barrels per Day)

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	Four Weeks Ending		
	10/22/99	10/15/99	10/22/98
Crude Oil	. 8.2	8.3	8.6
Petroleum Products	. 1.3	1.3	1.4
Total**	9.5	9.6	9.9
See Table 1.			

Net imports of crude oil and petroleum products during the 4 weeks ending October 22, 1999 were 4 percent lower than the levels for the same period last year.

Products Supplied (Million Barrels per Day)

	Four Weeks Ending		
	10/22/99	10/15/99	10/22/98
Motor Gasoline	. 8.5	8.6	8.4
Distillate Fuel Oil	. 3.8	3.6	3.5
All Other Products	. 7.4	7.3	7.2
Total**	19.7	19.5	19.1
See Table 9.			

Over the past four weeks, motor gasoline product supplied was slightly above last year's level, while distillate fuel oil product supplied was 9 percent above.

Prices (Cents per Gallon except as noted)

	Week Ending	
10/22/99	10/15/99	10/23/98
World Crude Oil	21.47	11.69
Spot Prices		
WTI Crude Oil - Cushing		
(Dollars per Barrel) 23.48	22.81	14.06
Conv. Regular Gasoline - NYH 63.70	62.15	42.70
RFG Regular - NYH 64.63	63.60	44.00
No. 2 Heating Oil - NYH 60.59	59.20	38.03
No. 2 Low-sulfur Diesel Fuel - NYH 63.60	61.33	40.83
Kerosene-Type Jet - NYH 64.39	62.52	43.65
Residual Fuel - NYH 47.57	45.79	28.29
Propane - Mont Belvieu	45.50	25.88
10/25/99	10/18/99	10/26/98
Retail Prices		
Motor Gasoline - Regular 123.7	123.6	101.5
Conventional Areas 121.8	121.1	99.6
Oxygenated Areas 129.3	130.4	105.9
OPRG Areas 132.8	133.1	107.9
RFG Areas 126.9	128.3	105.4
On-Highway Diesel Fuel 122.6	122.4	103.6
¹ Source:Reuters Ltd.		
See Tables 12-14 and 16.		

The average world crude oil price on October 22, 1999 was \$21.75 per barrel, up \$0.28 from the previous week and \$10.06 more than last year. WTI was \$23.48 per barrel on October 22, 1999, up \$0.67 from the previous week and \$9.42 more than last year. The spot price for conventional gasoline in the New York Harbor was 63.70 cents per gallon, up 1.55 cents from last week. The spot price for diesel fuel in the New York Harbor on October 22, 1999 was 63.60 cents per gallon, up 2.27 cents from last week.

On October 25, 1999, the national average retail regular gasoline price was 123.7 cents per gallon, up 0.1 cent from last week and 22.2 cents higher than a year ago. The national average retail diesel fuel price was 122.6 cents per gallon on October 25, 1999, up 0.2 cent from last week and 19.0 cents higher than last year.

^{*} Crude oil stocks in the SPR include non-U.S. stocks held under foreign or commercial storage agreements.

^{**} Data may not add to total due to independent rounding.